

"War for Indian Emancipation towards Achieving Common Objective.
Premier's Address Lauds Brave Fight Put Up by Germany and Italy

PREMIER TOJO'S ADDRESS

On this event in the opening meeting of the Mixed Specialists' Committee today which is being based on the Tri Partite Pact, I deem it an extreme pleasure to have the opportunity to address you.

Taking a general view of the war situation, we find that the Anglo-Americans who were defeated in each and every consecutive battle in the early part of this war have, since last year, begun proclaiming counter-offense.

They have mobilized their full force and are now pressing the borders of the Axis territories - in the East and the West. Despite their efforts our strong and solid camp has not even shown the slightest stir. The firm conviction of ultimate victory and the undefeatable positions of Japan, Germany and Italy have been all the more strengthened.

I am always paying my respects to the brave and courageous fight put up by the Germans and Italians in Europe; especially, I am unable to withhold my joy upon receiving the report that German troops have completely smashed the enemy advance on the Italian front; the carrying on of attack on a large scale against London; and besides, that Italy has arrayed new battle formations and is about to join the front lines of this Co-operative War.

Impatience being increased through such state affairs, our enemy, the Anglo-Americans, have recently declared the construction of the Second Front in Europe. It is rather for such rash acts that Germany awaits, and I firmly believe that Germany will not merely drive them back, but will deal them deadly blows and thereby hurry the time of winning the ultimate victory for Japan, Germany and Italy.

In Greater East Asia, our Empire is ensuring the key point of the Southern areas, and smashing the enemies' aggressive attempts in the continents and the Pacific areas. Through the complete cooperation given in war efforts by the countries and nations within the Greater East Asia Sphere, and the utilization of the abundant important resources for armaments, our position of ultimate victory is being strengthened day by day. Our Empire will maintain this position to the last, and resolutely deal blows to the enemies and thereby fight through this war to the end.

As you are all aware, the Japanese forces, with the great help received from Burma, have recently marched abreast with the Free Indian Nationalist Army and have already crossed the Indian-Burmese border into Indian territory, gaining victories after victories. Especially the Free Indian Nationalist Army, ^{led by} their Chief, Chandra Bose, is fighting for the emancipation of their country with the hearty cooperation accorded by Burma and the other Asiatic nations; and, it is most joyful to note

the fact that the surging tendency for Indian emancipation is now prevailing all over India, which proves the steady achievements of our common objective - that is, the emancipation for the oppressed nations.

It is needless to repeat that this current war was fought by the Axis powers which stood up to fight for self-existence and self-defense and for the construction of a world peace, based upon righteousness against the greedy ambition of world domination of the Anglo-Americans who unashamedly sacrificed others for their own prosperity. Especially the ambition of the two countries has lately become all the more clear and to this we shall further determine our resolution never to put down our arms but fight until we smash exhaustively the insolent ambition of the Anglo-Americans. Even though battle fields may be apart, to the east and the west, the necessity arises for us, the Axis nations, to cooperate and concert much more closely and to increase our fight against our common enemies, America and Britain.

To meet this situation, Japan must carry on connections with the countries of Germany, Italy and the other Axis nations in Europe on a closer basis, and smash all Anglo-American plots to segregate Japan from the other Axis nations. We will then be able to advance together towards the achievement of common objective and thus, with the collaboration of Europe and Asia, gain the ultimate victory. I have the firm conviction that both Germany and Italy possess the same determination as we possess. At this time of emergency, as today, it is most opportune that this meeting has been held, and I heartily pray for its success."

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/s/ Lt Col Taranenko
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